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Crews work toward further containment

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Monday brought relief for some Carr Fire evacuees in Redding and Trinity County while firefighters were eager for more gains as the erratic blaze grew to more than 103,722 acres in size.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection officials said they were “looking for small victories” Monday as the fire’s containment rose to 23 percent, an improvement from 17 percent Sunday night.

“The good news today is we’re up to 20 percent containment,” said Rick Young of

the National Parks Service. Officials have said Whiskeytown National Recreation Area will be closed “for a significant amount of time” due to the fire’s devastation.

The inferno’s acreage grew to 103,722 acres Monday evening, an increase of 4,998 acres from the assessment earlier in the day.

Carr Fire incident commander Bret Gouvea, speaking Monday afternoon at the Redding Civic Auditorium, sought to reassure the community.

“We’re starting to feel good about where we’re going,” he said.

He said air tankers are flying when the air is clear, but smoky skies have limited

the missions. Fourteen helicopters planned to drop water on the fire Monday.

“As you know, this is a monster of a fire we’re dealing with,” Gouvea said.

He added: “We’re going to see this through to the end.”

Crews worked Monday to build containment lines around the Carr Fire and strengthen existing fire lines, Cal Fire spokesman Gabe Lauderdale said in a video update.

“Over the past 24 hours we’ve seen this fire continue to grow,” he said.

The fire continued its run to the Trinity County line and creep closer to the communities of Weaverville and Lewis-

ton, and head toward Igo southwest of Redding. The fire remained “very active” in those areas, Cal Fire officials said.

“The fire got out on us in a few areas” near County Line Road at the Shasta-Trinity border, one Cal Fire official said early Monday.

However by late Monday afternoon evacuations were lifted for Douglas City and other communities along Highway 299 to Poker Bar Road and Poker Bar Road northwest to Union Hill Road.

Lauderdale said firefighters were watching for spot fires that crossed those control lines.

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Ronnelle Murray, left and her son Brody Crippen, 13, stand next to their pickup truck, which holds all they could carry as they evacuated from their Lewiston home late Sunday evening. They then drove to stay with friends in Weaverville. But the family is due to leave for Florida for a Little League Baseball tournament Murray’s sons are competing in and they don’t know if they will have a home when they get back. KELLY JORDAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

Carr Fire blows west, creating new evacuees

Biggest threat moves from Redding to Trinity County

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WEAVERVILLE – Evacuees have fled to this county seat of about 3,600 from Douglas City and Lewiston as firefighters continue to battle the nearby Carr Fire.

Since Saturday night, the ever-shifting flames have been moving to the west, taking the worst of the

threat away from Redding but into Trinity County.

A slim crew of American Red Cross officials has been helping some 200 fire refugees at Trinity High School on the town’s north side.

About 50 evacuees had set up inside the shelter, while the rest were in the parking lot, said Thomas Tanner, the shelter’s manager. “People, you know, obviously are anxious,”

Tanner said.

Jeannie Gray and her husband spent the night outside the shelter in their pickup after fleeing Lewiston. She said she’s never been through a disaster like this one.

“We came up here and just tried to sleep in our truck, but it was difficult,” she said. “It was rough, scary, nerve-wracking.”

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Evacuations lifted to let some people find relief

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After they were evacuated from their west Redding home last week during the Carr Fire, Favor Ni lived for two days in a van with three chickens, three cats, two kids and her husband until they could find a hotel that took pets.

After they moved into the Gaia Hotel in Anderson, it was two more days there with the menagerie of animals.

“You never want to raise your chickens in a hotel,” Ni said, as much relieved as amused at her own situation.

She let the relief wash over her as she unloaded her van after she was allowed to return home. Authorities on Monday lifted the evacuation order for her White Hawk neighborhood in west Redding.

When police came through her neighborhood Thursday night, Ni and her family grabbed their pets, children and other personal belongings and went to find a local hotel. Most hotels and motels in the area filled up quickly last week with thousands escaping the Carr Fire as it roared into Redding.

Ni said it was even more difficult finding a hotel that would take pets — and chickens.

Greg Wilkes, who also evacuated Thursday, returned to his home Monday to find that his house was safe and unharmed from the blaze. When he left Thursday night, he wasn’t sure he would have a home to return to.

“When we left here, we couldn’t see those trees down there. There was a wall of fire,” he said, pointing to a stand of trees in the distance.

Ni, Wilkes and many of their neighbors were luckier than some Redding, Shasta and Keswick residents.

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How you can help others in time of need

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You can help people and animals evacuated or otherwise affected by the Carr Fire. Here are some North State organizations that need donations and volunteers to help.

Some organizations that called for item donations a few days ago no longer need them, but almost all need monetary help and many need volunteers to give their time.

Volunteers needed

- Haven Humane is housing small

animals displaced by the Carr Fire at its facility at 1816 Highway 273 in Anderson. Call 241-1653 or go to <http://www.havenhumane.org/>.

■ Samaritan’s Purse needs volunteers to help homeowners who lost their homes with clean-up and salvage efforts. Volunteers need to be in moderate to good physical health. Call 828-262-1980 or go to <https://spvolunteer.org/>.

■ Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church needs volunteers to help evacuees at the church at 738 Walnut St. in Red Bluff. Volunteers are needed to help clean, cook, sort donations and man the front desk. Call 527-2449.

Item donations

■ The Salvation Army’s donation centers are the official drop-off points for Red Cross evacuation centers. Drop-off locations include 1557 Pine St. in Redding, 4460 Westside Road in Redding and 2016 North St. in Anderson. Items needed include new pillows, new blankets, shoes, sunscreen, paper products, towels, bottled water, diapers, baby food, new children’s clothing, new adult-size shirts, socks and underwear, baby wipes and cleaning supplies. Please note the Salvation Army is asking people not to take donations to evacuation centers.

■ Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church needs items to help evacuees. Most needed items include food — fresh and non-perishable, paper products and gift cards. Bring donations to the church at 738 Walnut St. in Red Bluff. Call 527-2449 for specific needs and other donations.

Blood donations:

■ BloodSource Shasta needs blood donations at its location at 2680 Larkspur Lane in Redding. Most needed is type O-negative blood. Platelets are needed to help burn victims. Call 866-

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Good morning!

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